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Observing others increased greatly when electronic media was invented – specifically the one-way types: radio, tv, and internet. Two-way types (telegraph, telephone, texting) require reciprocation, whereas mere observation is built on the dominant characteristic of ‘*old news*’: simple secondhand information from someone else who pioneered it (maybe). Most people have become calloused to this revelation; the few who have not are leaders.

God is all about relationship and successful relationship is a firsthand thing. Combine this with the commonplace secondhand mentality and the result is religiosity instead of authentic Christianity (dynamic intimacy with God), unsatisfactory human relationships instead of fulfilling marriages, and a host of other “boring-based” issues in life. God’s will for us is “life more abundantly” ⇨ John 10:10 and this scripture context is all about Jesus being the only way to this abundance. No wonder most people follow, not lead.

It is time for you to lead. As a Christian, start by murdering any and all man-seeking for God’s anointing: the evidence of two-way communication with God (which has been with the Holy Spirit since Jesus left and the Holy Spirit came to be God’s voice to us). By **not** stopping such secondhand ‘old news’ Christianity, the Christian is *flirting* with- and possibly having a *spiritual extra-marital affair* with- ‘Christian’ messengers, media, and (unfortunately) manipulators (very popular due to twisted doctrine) ⇨ 2 Timothy 4:3-4.

As a marriage only thrives when both spouses are mutually exclusive and passionate for each other, so Christianity needs **firsthand glory** to be the relationship God intends. It is a relationship and cannot thrive with ‘*old news*’! It might survive (God judges that ⇨ Matthew 7:21-23) but it will not grow; it will lack what is reasonable ⇨ Romans 12:1-2. Christianity means doing what Jesus did ⇨ Acts 11:26 - whole-hearted and bodied life of **firsthand glory** with God the Father ⇨ John 5:19; 10:37. **Do you own that yet?**

This intimacy is **central to Christianity**. By Biblical definition you should have it and by your lifestyle you can have it. Being free from the frustration of lacking intimacy, joy and satisfaction comes by you (first of all) knowing and (then) acting upon the full access to God that Jesus Christ bought for and that the Holy Spirit leads you to: **firsthand glory!**

Think of it this way: which is the real deal: a marriage where a spouse reads romantic novels or other pornography OR a marriage where a spouse is ever sowing and reaping intimacy by studying and subsequently serving his or her mate? Only the personalized way is authentic; the other is a lie. Likewise, the cloak of outward religiosity gives a false warmth of cover but is a lie – it lets in all kinds of external harm... but they are clueless. Intimacy with God is a strong cover / heavy anointing that makes anything else laughable in comparison. This is **the experience and joy** of everyone who has intimacy with God.

This happens because God Himself just **loves this intimacy**, too, and reciprocates with exclusive, powerful blessing ⇨ 2 Corinthians 3:17; Zephaniah 3:17; Psalm 22:3; etc. The best part of your life becomes your intimacy with God and not any other passion, not even your spouse (it is best of all when your spouse has the same intimacy with God!).

Let the old lie of celebrity religion die; enter into true relationship: **firsthand glory!** ♥